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TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NUMBER ONE

1. THIS IS REPORT OF LUNCHEON MEETING MOROKHOV-TIMERBAEV AND STOESSEL-BUCHEIM ON SEPTEMBER FIVE.
2. AGREED TO CANCEL PLENARY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER FIVE (REF. STATE 204464). PLENARY WILL BE AT 3:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 8.
3. STOESSEL SAID THAT US SIDE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS BUT EXPECTS THEM SHORTLY AND EXPECTS TO TABLE TEXT EARLY NEXT WEEK.
4. MOROKHOV SAID HE AND TIMERBAEV WILL BE AWAY FROM MOSCOW FROM SEPTEMBER 14 UNTIL LATE IN MONTH. SUGGESTED THAT DELEGATIONS WORK OUT DETAILS OF DRAFT TEXT DURING THAT TIME. SAFRONOV (MOD) WILL CHAIR SOVIET DELEGATION. MOROKHOV SAID IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE PNE AGREEMENT READY FOR SIGNING AT SUMMIT.
5. TIMERBAEV NOTED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT RATIFICATION OF TTBT DEPENDED UPON REACHING PNE AGREEMENT.

6. STOESSEL ASKED HOW SOVIET SIDE WISHED TO HANDLE TABLING

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OF TEXT (IN RESTRICTED MEETING OR IN PLENARY) AND WHETHER

SOVIET SIDE WOULD TABLE A DRAFT AT THE SAME TIME. MOROKHOV SAID HE DID NOT MUCH CARE IF US TABLED IN RESTRICTED MEETING OR IN PLENARY. BUCHEIM SAID THAT US WOULD REPLY TO SOVIET INITIATIVE OF JULY 24 WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED IN RESTRICTED MEETING AND THAT DRAFT TEXT WOULD ALSO CONTAIN SUBSTANCE OF THAT REPLY. MOROKHOV SAID IN THAT CASE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO BEGIN IN RESTRICTED MEETING BECAUSE SOME OF SOVIET EXPERTS DID NOT YET KNOW WHAT SOVIET SIDE HAD PROPOSED.

7. MOROKHOV SAID THAT SOVIET SIDE HAD, IN EARLIER ROUNDS, MADE CLEAR ITS VIEWS OF WHAT PNE AGREEMENT SHOULD LOOK LIKE AND THEY HOPED THAT US SIDE HAD TAKEN THOSE VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARING ITS DRAFT. THEREFORE, SOVIET SIDE WILL FIRST CRITIQUE US DRAFT AND THEN PRESENT THEIR VERSION OF A JOINT DRAFT.

8. MOROKHOV SAID HE HAD GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO SUGGESTION OF US THAT PNE AGREEMENT BE WRITTEN WITHOUT MAKING ANY DISTINCTION BETWEEN CONTAINED AND EXCAVATION PNES, AND SAID HE IS VERY ATTRACTED TO THAT IDEA. HE SAID THAT ONLY ITEM THAT WOULD SEEM TO FALL OUTSIDE SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD BE LIMITED NUMBER OF EXCEPTIONS TO GENERAL YIELD LIMIT ON EXCAVATION EXPLOSIONS. HE SAID PROVISION FOR SUCH EXCEPTIONS IS IMPORTANT FOR SOVIETS AND ALSO FOR OTHER BIG COUNTRIES BECAUSE ECONOMICS OF EXCAVATION ARE BETTER "ON A LARGER SCALE", AND THAT HIS EXPERTS HAD COME TO YALTA WHEN HE WAS ON VACATION IN AUGUST TO DISCUSS SUCH EXCAVATION EXCEPTIONS.

9. BUCHEIM ASKED WHAT MOROKHOV MEANT BY REFERENCE TO BIG COUNTRIES. TIMERBAEV SAID HE MEANT COUNTRIES OF LARGE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA, BECAUSE OF LTBT.

10. EARLY IN LUNCHEON, TIMERBAEV SAID HE HAD TAKEN ONE WEEK OF VACATION IN AUGUST NEAR MOSCOW. NEAR END OF LUNCHEON, MOROKHOV SAID TIMERBAEV HAD GONE TO CUBA FOR A FEW DAYS IN AUGUST. TIMERBAEV SEEMED A LITTLE EMBARRASSED BUT CARRIED IT OFF WITH LIGHT REMARKS ABOUT SWIMMING, RUM AND ERNEST HEMINGWAY. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN IN CUBA ON A "CONSULTATIVE MISSION".

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11. REMAINDER WAS CONVERSATION ABOUT: (A) LONDON SUPPLIERS' CONFERENCE (REPORTED SEPTEL), AND (B) SMALL TALK ABOUT TENNIS, MELONS, HOPES FOR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS, ETC., AND AEROFLOT SCHEDULES (DELEGATION ARRIVED FROM LONDON EARLY FRIDAY INSTEAD OF THURSDAY EVENING). GENERAL TONE WAS FRIENDLY AND TEMPERATE AS TO TOASTS AND RHETORIC. STOESEL

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